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Petroleum
Service Inc.**441 DeGroate Road
New Lenox, Illinois 60451

December 1, 2007

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Emergency Response Branch (SE-5J)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590
Attn: Dr. Shitien Yang, SPCC Inspector Grantee

RE: SPCC Deficiencies

Dear Dr. Yang,

DeGroate Petroleum Services, Inc. (DeGroate) is please to respond to your October 18, 2007 letter citing deficiencies and requesting additional information pertaining to our Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan. DeGroate intends to address the violations cited in your October 18, 2007 letter as follows:

- 1. 40 CFR 112.7(g)(1): Security – Failure to fully fence each facility handling, storing, and processing oil. Failure to lock entrance gate or guard the facility when not in production or unattended.**

In lieu of fully fencing each facility handling, storing, and processing oil, DeGroate has renovated the mobile home located 441 DeGroate Rd and an employee will live in this mobile home effective January 2008. This will provide a 24-hour onsite presence, and the employing living onsite will be regarded as onsite security during facility non-operational hours. This employee will be trained to effectively respond to all potential after hour trespassing incidents.

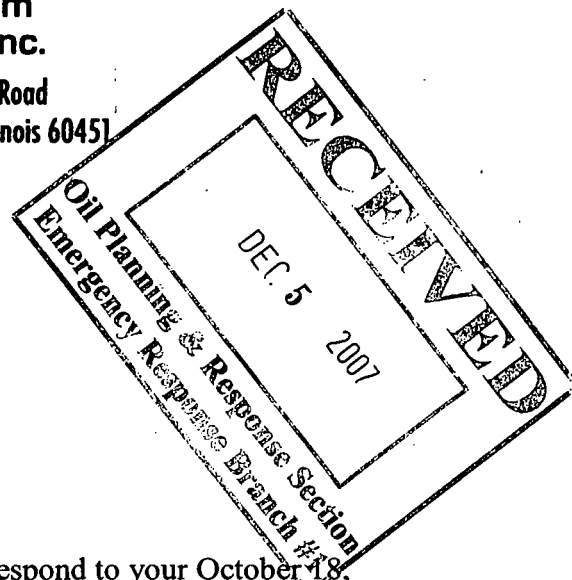
Action: DeGroate Employee to live onsite for purposes of providing 24-hour security.

Implementation Deadline Date: end of January 2008

- 2. 40 CFR 112.8(c)(2): Bulk Storage Containers – Failure to provide secondary containment for the largest single container plus sufficient freeboard for precipitation. Dike walls and floor are not “sufficiently imperious.”**

DeGroate will move the tanks located at the southwest and northeast of the Heavy and Lube Oil Storage Building. The hydraulic fluid and oils stored in these tanks will be moved to storage containers/tanks within the building tanks.

Action: Move oil storage on the southwest and northeast sides of the Heavy and Lube Oil Storage Building to inside the building.



Implementation Deadline Date: June 3, 2008 (6 months)

The SPCC Plan will be adequately amended once the noted deficiencies have been implemented at the facility, and a copy of the amended SPCC Plan will be submitted to you by **June 17, 2008**.

We appreciate your attention to and cooperation with this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Scott DeGroate at DeGroate Petroleum 815-485-2178.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott R. DeGroate", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Scott R DeGroate